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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMIS.

ITEM NO: WH-4

DATE: 8 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: THE GOLAN FRONT

CLASHES BETWEEN SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES ERUPTED AGAIN TODAY ALONG THE GOLAN FRONT.

GROUND ACTION CENTERED ON ARTILLERY EXCHANGES AFTER SYRIAN ATTEMPTS TO SEIZE A FOOT HOLD ON MT. HERMON HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED OVER THE WEEKEND. SYRIA, HOWEVER, CLAIMED THAT ITS FORCES HAD BATTLED ALL NIGHT WITH ISRAELI TROOPS TRYING TO OVERRUN SYRIAN POSITIONS ON MT. HERMON."

IN THE AIR, SYRIAN SOURCES CLAIMED THIS MORNING TO HAVE SHOT DOWN AN ISRAELI PHANTOM JET FIGHTER NEAR MT. HERMON ALONG THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN-LEBANESE BORDER. ISRAEL ADMITS THE LOSS OF AN AIRCRAFT, BUT CLAIMS IT CRASHED DUE TO A TECHNICAL MALFUNCTION.

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REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PILOTS ARE SAFE BUT IN THE HANDS OF LEBANESE AUTHORITIES.

THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL DETAIL AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME TO PINPOINT THE CAUSE OF THE AIRCRAFT LOSS, BUT THE INCIDENT FOLLOWS A WEEKEND OF UNUSUALLY HEAVY ACTIVITY BY ISRAELI AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING THE FIRST STRIKES AGAINST GROUND TARGETS CONDUCTED SINCE THE OCTOBER WAR.

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